JUSTIN T. BERGER (SBN 250346) jberger@cpmlegal.com BETHANY M. HILL (SBN 326358) bhill@cpmlegal.com COTCHETT, PITRE & McCARTHY, LLP 3 San Francisco Airport Office Center 840 Malcolm Road Burlingame, CA 94010 5 Telephone: (650) 697-6000 Facsimile: (650) 697-0577 6 Attorneys for Relator STF, LLC 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. STF, Case No. 3:16-cv-02487-JCS LLC, an organization; STATE OF 11 CALIFORNIA; ex rel. STF, LLC, an 12 organization, JOINT UPDATED CASE MANAGEMENT **CONFERENCE STATEMENT: NOTICE** 13 Plaintiffs, OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE 14 v. Date: September 10, 2021 15 VIBRANT AMERICA, LLC, a Delaware Time: 2:00 p.m. limited liability company, 16 Judge: Hon. Joseph C. Spero Defendants. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 JOINT UPDATED CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT; NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE Case No. 3:16-cv-02487-JCS

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## JOINT UPDATED CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT: AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

Relator STF, LLC ("Relator"), and Vibrant America, LLC ("Vibrant" or "Defendant"), submit this Joint Updated Case Management Conference Statement, Notice of Proposed Settlement, and Request for Continuance.

At the second mediation session with Martin Quinn on July 12, 2021, the Parties reached a comprehensive settlement of all claims in this action, subject to approval by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), California Attorney General (CA DOJ), and California Department of Insurance (CDI). The Parties executed a term sheet on the day of the mediation, and subsequently negotiated two draft long-form settlement agreements: One covering claims under the federal False Claims Act, subject to DOJ approval, and the other covering claims under the California False Claims Act and Insurance Fraud Preventions Act, subject to approval by CDI and CA DOJ. Both settlement agreements were transmitted to the government in mid-July, and the Parties are awaiting feedback or approval.

In the Parties' experience, the timeline for approval of *qui tam* settlement agreements from the government entities varies dramatically, but typically ranges from 30 to 90 days.

The Parties accordingly request that the Case Management Conference be continued for 30 days, to October 8, 2021 or the first available date thereafter, by which time the Parties hope to have received approval from the government, or a more definitive timeline for expected government approval.

Dated: September 3, 2021

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